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SUBJECT: GOV REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HOLD JOINT
MEETING WITH PRESIDENTS BANZER, MORALES, AND
PINOCHET

REF: (A) LA PAZ 6798, (B) LA PAZ 6799

1. ON AUGUST 30 DURING CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER TERCEROS BANZER ON PRES BANZER VISIT TO WASHINGTON
TERCEROS BANZER SAID PRESIDENT HAD SPECIAL REQUEST
WHICH HE WISHED PASSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER. DEPUTY
FONMIN HANDED CHARGE' AIDE MEMOIRE, SUBSTANCE AS FOLLOWS:
GOB CONCURS IN VIEWS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT CARTER THAT
UNDERSTANDING REACHED ON PANAMA CANAL QUESTION IS OF
TRANSCENDENTAL HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE AND GIVES DIRECTION
TO THE FUTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN NATIONS
THROUGH DIALOGUE, SOLIDARITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT.
FURTHERMORE GOB CONSIDERS PANAMA TREATY A VALUABLE
CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE CONTINUING PERFECTION OF
INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE THAT
THROUGH GOOD FAITH AND SINCERITY IN SEEKING TO FIND
COMPATIBLE VIEWPOINTS, A SOLUTION TO JOINT PROBLEMS
WITHIN THE CONTINENT IS FEASIBLE.

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QUOTE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE BROAD DISPOSITION ALONG
THESE LINES WHICH PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER HAS SHOWN,
THE PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA, GENERAL HUGO SUAREZ BANZER,
WOULD HOLD IT OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE IF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES COULD SPONSOR A TRIPARTITE MEETING
BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF BOLIVIA, CHILE AND PERU

WITH THE PURPOSE OF LENDING IMPULSE TO THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINDING AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO THE BOLIVIAN GEOGRAPHIC ENCIRCLING, SINCE UNDER THE SAME EFFORTS OF INTELLIGENCE AND UNDERSTANDING IT WAS FORTUNATELY POSSIBLE OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF THE PANAMA CANAL. THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA CONSIDERS THAT THIS WOULD BE A FRIENDLY GESTURE, WITHOUT THE CHARACTER OF A FORMAL MEDIATION, CONSIDERING AHT IT WOULD BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTRY WHICH IS THE SITE OF AN EVENT WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE RELATIONS AMONG THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY WHO WOULD BE INVOLVED. UNQUOTE

THE AIDE MEMOIRE CLOSES BY NOTING THAT THROUGH DECLARATIONS SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS LAST JUNE THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHILE AND PERU HAVE AGREED THAT THE MOST STRENUOUS EFFORTS SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO GIVING A PROMPT SOLUTION TO BOLIVIA'S GEOGRAPHIC PROBLEM.

2. DEPUTY FONMIN EMPHASIZED ORALLY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE U.S. WERE NOT REPEAT NOT BEING ASKED IN ANY WAY TO ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE THE QUESTION OF A BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR TO THE SEA. HE SAID PRESIDENT BANZER ASKS ONLY THAT THE PRESIDENT ARRAGE AND ATTEND THE MEETING, SETTING A CONSTRUCTIVE TONE AND LENDING A STRONG NEUTRAL PRESENCE.

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3. I ASKED DEPUTY FONMIN IF GOB HAD INFORMED PINOCHET AND MORALES IN ANY WAY OF BANZER'S REQUEST TO PRESIDENT CARTER, AND IF HE HAD ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THEY WOULD AGREE TO A WASHINGTON MEETING. DEPUTY FONMIN SAID NEITHER PINOCHET NOR MORALES HAD BEEN ADVISED OF BANZER'S INTENTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, BANZER HAD INDICATIONS, DEPUTY FONMIN SAID, THAT BOTH PRESIDENTS WOULD BE AMENABLE TO SUCH A MEETING

4. FOR EMBASSY COMMENT SEE REF B. POUCHING TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE TO DEPT (ARA/AND/B). PLEASE ADVISE.
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